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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING: Online giving is available and is appreciated. Please mail in your giving to P.O. Box 695 5 W. Washington St. Oswego IL 60543 or use our E giving for online giving <https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/goodshepherdoswego> which can also be found on our website under the giving tab. ~ Thank you!

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<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-support-church-of-the-good-shepherd-umc>

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please contact Pat Rogerson for prayer requests or to be added to the email list to join our prayer warriors at prayerchaingoodshepherd24@gmail.com

African American Heritage Center - In support of our US-Based Advances (UM Mission Link), Sunday, May 24 during both services, Aidan Poniatowski will present to the congregation information about the African American Heritage Center. The African American Methodist Heritage Center (AAMHC) was organized and incorporated in 2001. The African American Methodist Heritage Center provides research, preserves artifacts and other memorabilia, and protects and promotes the stories of African American people in Methodism. A special collection for AAMHC will be taken at both services on May 24.

PRAYER BLANKETS: It's time to make prayer blankets again. We will be making them in the big Sunday School classroom from 9-11 on Tuesday, May 26. All are welcome. Bring a pair of scissors suitable to cut fleece.

BOOK CLUB: This month's book is *Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult. It is a story of redemption, justice and love. Pease join us for our discussion at Nancy Patush's home on Tuesday, May 19 at 1:00 p.m. Please call the church office if you need a ride.

MEN'S LUNCH: The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at Big Rock Cafe, 103 Galena St, Big Rock on Wednesday, May 20th at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
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"OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS."

May 17, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME! We are happy you came to worship with us today. If you would like to join our mailing list please subscribe on our website. www.goodshepherdoswego.org

PRELUDE *The Gift of Love* Cheryl Todd

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The righteous are joyful, they exult before God, they are jubilant and shout for joy.

People: Sing the praises of God, raise a psalm to God's name. +

SONG OF PRAISE *How Great Thou Art* Reborn

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

People: "Hear our prayer"

HYMN *Blessed Assurance*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

We sing praises to you, O God; we raise a psalm in your honor. You clothe us in all goodness; we are draped in accordance with your design. As you have sent Jesus Christ to make your will known, you promise your Holy Spirit to guide us along your path. As your holiness fills our halls, hear us as we worship your name. Amen +

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #89

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC *Breathe* One A 'Chord
& Joyful Noise Handbells

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:1-11, * Luke 24:44-53 Rev. Steve Good

SERMON: *Lift- Off*

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

HYMN *Praise to the Lord*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O God Beyond All Praising* Cheryl Todd

* Kirk When We Gather

Let Go music and lyrics by Jon Conover
The Gift of Love English folk Melody arranged by Hal Hopson
How Great Thou Art by Stuart Wesley & Keene Hine

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"O God Beyond All Praising" by Gustav Holst arranged by Anna Page

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday May 17th

8:30am Traditional Service

9:15-11am Fellowship Brunch

10:00am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School

11:30am Youth Group

Monday May 18th

6:30pm Handbells

Tuesday May 19th

1pm Book Club- Nancy Patush's

7pm Choir Practice

Wednesday May 20th

10am Bible Between Bytes Zoom

12pm Men's Lunch- Big Rock Cafe

Thursday May 21st

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday May 22nd

7am Men's Coffee

Sunday May 24th

8:30am Traditional Service

10:00am Contemporary Worship

11:30am Youth Group

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